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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 14 and 19 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An enteral, peptide-based composition comprising:
a protein source consisting of enzymatically hydrolyzed whey and free amino acids wherein the protein source provides approximately 15% to 18% of energy of the composition;
a carbohydrate source; and
a lipid source including a mixture of medium and long chain triglycerides, the enteral composition having a caloric density of 1.4 kcal/mL to 1.8 kcal/mL, wherein the composition provides a ratio of non-protein calories per gram nitrogen of at least 90:1.

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7. (Amended) A method for providing nutrition to a metabolically stressed patient comprising the step of administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of an enteral, peptide-based composition comprising: